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2. [redacted] all Soviet troops were given passes, starting on 15 August, permitting them to visit the town. The Soviets were allowed to fraternize and all public places were put on limits. The Soviet soldiers were, however, once more restricted to their barracks on 1 September after the new policy had resulted in rapes, fights and demolished restaurants.

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